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TO : DDI Attn: 25X1A9a [REDACTED] DATE 4 August 1961

FROM : DDI Representative, [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

SUBJECT: GENERAL— [REDACTED] 25X1A2g  
SPECIFIC— Opium trade in Southeast Asia  
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1. [REDACTED] wants to prepare a study on the opium trade in Southeast Asia if it can obtain sufficient material. It is felt that involvement of various Southeast Asian leaders and officials in the opium traffic, the pervasive nature of the trade, and the receipt of recent reports of Russian purchases of opium in Laos warrant a closer look at this economic phenomenon and its present or potential influence on events in the area.

2. It is requested that any information or studies on the subject be forwarded to this office.

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1 - Chief, FE